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I have been a computer professional for over 15 years. What I have heard as to the proposed settlement of this case is absurd. Punishing Microsoft by allowing them to "donate" their software to schools and thus reinforcing their monopoly is unjustifiable. To me this smack of the government being corrupt. I have a very hard time believing that you think we are so stupid as to think this concept is a remedy. Therefore I just have to assume that somebody is getting paid off and does not care how bad it all looks. I had a glimmer of hope that the government worked when microsoft was found guilty of being a predatory monopoly. I have had to give away hundreds of hours of free technical support because of this terrible company. I have watched dozens of companies be destroyed by thier tactics. Every time I have bought a computer I have had to contribute to their war chest. Do the right thing please the thought of living in MS/America whose capital is MS/Washington B.G. ("bill gates") turns my stomach but that is what you seem to be wanting. History will remember this decision and those who made it. Rockefeller would own this country if our government had not acted properly. Now it is your turn.